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(*b*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the bed strength in children's ward in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) (i) Three.

(ii) Two.

(iii) Two.

(iv) One.

(v) Nil.

(vi) Six.

(vii) Three.

(viii) Nil.

(*b*) Nil.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Sir, is there any proposal to have wards for children affected by chronic diseases?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Not at the moment, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is there any proposal to have a children's ward in the Government Royapettah Hospital?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The Government have special programmes to make all the children healthier and to see that they are prevented from getting diseases. So, there is no point in thinking of extra beds in the hospital for children.

Pulic Health Department

* 226 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to take over the Public Health Department of the Corporation of Madras and merge it with the Public Health Department of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, has there been any occasion when there was overlapping of duties or clash of duties as between these two Health Officers within the City?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Yes, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, what arrangements do the Government propose to make so that such overlapping may be avoided?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Special arrangements have been made. A separate question may be put.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria

* 227 *Q.*—SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (i) Tuberculosis Sanatoria, and (ii) Tuberculosis Clinics both Government and private in the State as on 1st May 1962; and

(*b*) the number of patients admitted in these institutions during 1961–62?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:

	Government.	*Private.*
(*a*) (i) Tuberculosis Sanatoria ..	**4**	**7**
(ii) Tuberculosis Clinics ..	**21**	**1**

(*b*) 210,571.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is there any proposal to increase the number of beds in these hospitals?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Not at the moment, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, are the private sanatoria aided by the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Yes, Sir.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV: Are the Government aware of the large number of deaths due to tuberculosis for want of accommodation in hospital? Nearly four thousand people die every year.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The Government not unaware of it. But the trouble is that they are not able to get as many doctors as there are posts to be filled in the hospitals, particularly the tuberculosis hospitals.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Cannot non-specialists attend to these tuberculosis cases?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: No, Sir. There is a special course for doctors who are posted in these hospitals to treat tuberculosis patients. So, it is not possible to post non-specialist doctors to these hospitals.